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hospitality towards us. The entire population, dressed in their best clothes, received us on our arrival with repeated cheers; at night, the whole town, even to the most miserable cottage was thickly illuminated, tar barrels were burnt in every street, while cheering and rejoicing continued throughout the night; every door was open to us, and all whom we met proffered us compliments and sincere offers of service. To describe the effect this produced on our feelings would be impossible: the sudden burst of news for two years and a half, the glorious accounts of the happy state of our country, the sight of civilized man, with our own emotions at having been spared to return home again, — were most painfully delightful.

On the Sunday forenoon, the officers of both ships, and as many men as could be spared, attended the church service, when the venerable Mr. Menzies gave us a most excellent discourse. This worthy divine offered up for us two such prayers and thanksgivings as can never be forgotten; and while doing so, his own feelings were such as frequently to stop his utterance; the whole congregation was in tears, as if rendering thanks for the return of their nearest relatives, instead of perfect strangers as we were. Insensible indeed must have been the heart of any one of us which was not overflowing with gratitude to the Almighty and protecting God, who had carried us in safety through so many dangers.

The wind ceased during the night, and on the morning of the 13th, came round from the northward; at noon we weighed, and, accompanied by all the gentlemen of the place, sailed from the port: our friends left us, when we discharged our pilots, under three hearty cheers; and with a fair wind we ran for the coast of England. On the 16th, Captain Parry landed at Whitby, and his Majesty's ships Fury and Hecla made for the Thames, which we entered on the 21st, after an absence of two years and a half.